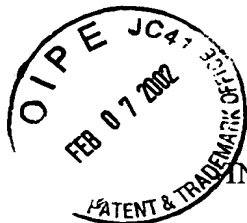


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PATENT APPLICATION



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For: MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICE HAVING VERTICALLY ARRANGED SCANNER
AND PRINTER SECTIONS

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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Figure 3 as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 13 and 19 as follows:

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13. (Amended) The multi-functional device as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said leaf spring is provided beneath said recording paper discharge tray and also beneath an opening formed on the lower side of said outer casing; said recording paper discharge tray comprises a downward protruding portion that contacts said leaf spring via the opening.

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19. (Amended) The multi-functional device as claimed in Claim 17, wherein stopper members are provided on the left and right walls of said reading section for